# A True Account of the Dying Behaviour of *Ambrose Rookwood*, *Charles Cranburne*, and Major *Lowick*, who were Executed at *Tyburn* for High Treason, on *Wednesday*, *April* 29. With Mr. *Cranburn's* Speech at the place of Execution.

ABout 11 this Morning, the three Prisoners were put together in a Sledge, and being come to the place of Execution, went out of the Sledge into the Cart; Major *Lowick* first, who turning round to all the Spectators, who were numerous, desired them all to pray for him. Then he and Mr. *Rookwood* kneeled down together on one side of the Cart, and *Cranburne* on the other, and prayed about a quarter of an hour, or more; *Cranburne* had first done, and the Executioner coming to fix the Halter, in opening his Bosom, took out a Paper, which the Executioner delivered to the Sheriff; but *Cranburn* coming forward, desir'd it again, and having receiv'd it, he spoke to this effect, sometimes reading.

*I am come here to Dye, and shall shortly appear before the Dreadful Tribunal of God the Searcher of all Hearts, I confess my self a great Sinner, and that I have many Faults, but hope for Mercy in and through the Blood of my Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Gentlemen, *I advise you all to take warning by me, and do not misspend your time, but learn to be truly Religious, for he that is truly Religious, will be Loyal to his lawful King*, &c. or words to that effect. Then he said, that for his Loyalty to his Lawful King he came there to Die, and acknowledged the late King *James* to be his Rightful King, and hoped he would be restored to his Throne in Gods due time. *As to the Assassination*, said he, *of the Prince of* Orange, *I confess I came to the Knowledge thereof from* Mr. Chernock *between* 10 *and* 11 *a Clock on the* 22*th of* February; here the Sherriff spoke to him, and some Discourse passed, which was not so loud as before; Then he went on again, and said as before, *that he came to the Knowledge thereof between* 10 *and* 11 *the* 22*th.* of February, *and that between* 11 *and* 12 *the whole Design was over*, or words to that effect, and this he repeated several times, as if he would have created a Belief thereof in the Auditory: As for his Religion, he said he was Baptised and Educated, and now Dyed an unworthy Member of the Church of *England*, that what he had Learned from that Church, was truly to serve God, and to be Loyal to his King; Mr. *Sheriff* asked whether that Religion had taught him to Murder Kings, or to that effect; which he did not positively answer, but seemed to evade. And soon after Kneeling down he pray'd for King *James*, Queen *Mary* his Consort, *Katharine* the Queen Dowager, his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales* (*to give you his own words*) and then re-delivered his Paper to Mr. *Sheriff*. He seemed very composed and little concerned, Prayed several times, and kept his Countenance to the last; he wished their Blood might be the last that should be shed, and that the Nation might never come under a Foreign Power. He said an Aspersion had been cast upon him, as if he had behaved himself Irreverently on some occasion, which he disowned, and appealed to some persons, whom he said very well knew the contrary.

The two others were all this time on their Knees, and then rising up Major *Lowick*, who appeared very composed and penitent, address'd him to the Sheriffs, and delivered them a Paper. He protested he dyed in Charity with all the World, and begg'd, that all who should happen to suffer any thing on his account, would forgive him; he said, he had liv'd, and now dyed a *Roman Catholick*; he had a little Book in his hand, out of which he prayed, and often kiss't a Crucifix in it, and gave it to Mr. *Rookwood*, who did the like: He gave the Book away to one of the Spectators, and sometime after called for it again; and he and *Rookwood* having kiss't the Crucifix, he restor'd it again.

Mr. *Rookwood* seemed the most dejected, scarce said any thing, but prayed heartily, he delivered a Paper to the Sheriff and wept much. Major *Lowick* also Wept. After they were Tyed up and had prayed some time, the Executioner asked them for a *Sign*, Mr *Cranburn* desired Major *Lowick* to give a Sign, which he declining, Mr. *Cranburn* said we will give no *Sign*, *Draw away when you please*. They all gave Money to the Executioner.

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